



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hiroaki MASHIKO et al.

Serial No.: 09/824,671

Filed: April 4, 2001

For: AIR-PERMEABLE FILTER FOR INK CARTRIDGE AND INK CARTRIDGE  
COMPRISING SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Group Art Unit: 1724

Examiner: Jason M. Greene

**EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for excess claims added by the amendment has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

|  | <u>After Amendment</u> | <u>Prev. Paid for</u> | <u>Extra Claims Present</u> | <u>Rate</u> | <u>Fee Due</u>  |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Total claims                                   | 34                     | 24                    | 10                          | 18.00       | \$180.00        |
| Indep. claims                                  | 4                      | 3                     | 1                           | 84.00       | \$84.00         |
| <b>Total Additional Fee for this Amendment</b> |                        |                       |                             |             | <b>\$264.00</b> |

A check in the amount of \$264.00 to cover the excess claim fee is attached hereto

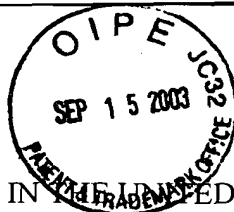
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-24 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-2, 5, 14, 17 and 23-24 have been amended to further define the claimed invention, and claims 25-34 have been added to claim additional features of the claimed invention.

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